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Magalie Roman-Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* presentation in MM Docket 99-25 /
RM-9208
RM-9242

Dear Ms. Salas:

Today, the following people and myself visited with members and employees of the Commission: Olga Diaz, President of the Watsonville Human Rights Committee; Elias Cosio; Nancy Hernandez; and Cheryl Leanza and Bill Carmany of the Media Access Project. We met with Commissioner Tristani and her Legal Advisor Rick Chessen; David Goodfriend, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness; Marsha MacBride, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Powell; Tom Power, Legal Adviser to Chairman Kennard; and Helgi Walker, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth.

The purpose of our visits was to demonstrate our strong support for the Commission's proposal to create a new Low Power FM radio service. We described the previous efforts of Watsonville Human Rights Committee in our communities and their use of low wattage stations to serve community members. We described the types of programs which are most useful to us, and how our needs go unfulfilled by current, full power broadcasters. We emphasized positive examples from our own station, a small farming community with a seventy percent Hispanic population. These examples include Mexican music not available elsewhere, local news, programming directed at children, high school students, and parents, and intensely local programming such as coverage of children's soccer leagues. The people of Watsonville would benefit, in particular, from a wide array of bilingual programming. We believe Low Power radio would amplify our needs and concerns and strengthen our community.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206(2) of the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter are being filed today.

Sincerely,

Frank Bardacke

cc: Commissioner Gloria Tristani
Mr. Rick Chessen
Mr. David Goodfriend
Ms. Marsha MacBride
Mr. Tom Power ✓
Ms. Helgi Walker